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IS ARENA SAFE, COUNCIL ASKED

MUNICIPAL BUILDING

DELAYED, NO START

UNTIL NEW YEAR

The new proposed municipal building for the townships of Anson, Hindon and Minden will likely be delayed until 1964. The building hasn't been approved by the Ontario Municipal Board and a possible public hearing could delay approval. Mr. Wilson, of Stanford and Wilson, architects for the building, met with the Minden council on December 11th and discussed different aspects of the building.

Mr. Wilson mentioned, "Speaking as a ratepayer of this township and not as an employed architect, I think that the council has picked the best possible spot for the building. It will make a central civic square and is within the centre orbit of the town. The whole block can be developed into a beautiful area".

The building, if it is built under the winter works incentive program would save the taxpayers from \$18,000 to \$20,000.

Councillor Reg Booth said: "Even if we have to heat the cement we should build as soon as we can. It would employ a lot of local help."

"It should be built in the winter to help the unemployment," said Deputy Reeve Mark Vasey.

FAMILY AFFAIR

It was a family affair for the Wards of Minden on Wednesday evening. Husband Earl Ward was driving one way and his wife was driving the other when they met head-on in Minden. Damage to the vehicles amounted to about \$500.

WATERWORKS SYSTEM

COULD CLINCH

SENIOR CITIZENS HOME

Today architects and representatives from the Department of Welfare and the Senior Citizen's Home Committee are scheduled to tour various sites that are available to build the proposed home. All portions of the county have been narrowed down to a few. The newly installed waterworks system could possibly be the deciding point that would bring the home to the county town. In the past preference has been given to other towns as a site if they meet all other requirements.

WATER SYSTEM

DELAYED,

PARTS DON'T FIT

The operation of the new Minden Waterworks System has been delayed and the pump won't begin pumping water for a few days yet. Some of the parts that must be used to finish off the installation of the water pump don't fit properly. The first delay originated when the whole pump itself was late arriving. Many citizens in Minden are showing concern over the delay as many homeowners' pumping systems are freezing up since the severe cold weather has started. Some waterpipes were not replaced properly after the water mains were installed by a construction company.

NIGHT SCHOOL

REGISTRATIONS

There has been a good response in applications for the Night School courses being offered at the Haliburton County District High School beginning January 7, 1964.



"We should get the government to inspect it."

Because of the Holiday Season the next issue of the Minden Progress will be published on Saturday, January 4 and regularly every other Saturday from that date.

MAPLE SUGAR

CAMP BURNS

A fire caused from an undetermined source destroyed a sugar camp owned by Mr. Jim Graham of Minden. The fire was reported at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 11 and the Minden Volunteer Fire Department was called. Vern Graham, son of the owner was the first at the scene and said, "When I got to the fire I went around the camp and there weren't any tracks in the snow leading in or out of the building."

Mr. Graham had been in the vicinity of the camp last Saturday but hadn't seen anything irregular. The lock had been broken from the door and a hole had been cut in the roof and a stove had been set up. Articles that were known to be in the building were found outside. Constable Dean Elliot of the Minden detachment of the OPP is investigating.

The safety of the Minden Recreation Centre was questioned at a Minden council meeting held on Wednesday, December 11st in the Registry Building. Three letters were received by the council in regards to the arena; one from a citizen, one from the Minden Minor Hockey Association and one from the Minden Recreation Committee. The hockey association asked for assurance from the council that the arena would be safe to allow the more than one hundred youngsters to play in it. Reeve Lawrence Pritchard stated that "I won't go out on a limb and guarantee the building. If they don't want to take a chance they will have to stay out until we get a report from an engineer."

A report from an engineering firm two years ago had said the arena should be rebuilt, however, the firm said that if the auditorium portion of the arena was repaired it would be in good shape.

Councillor J. O. Jackson said, "I think we should get the government to inspect it."

Reeve Lawrence Pritchard injected "The arena isn't getting much worse and if another inspection is as bad as the first we should close the arena. Councillor Reg. Booth remarked, "The building shouldn't be repaired it should be rebuilt."

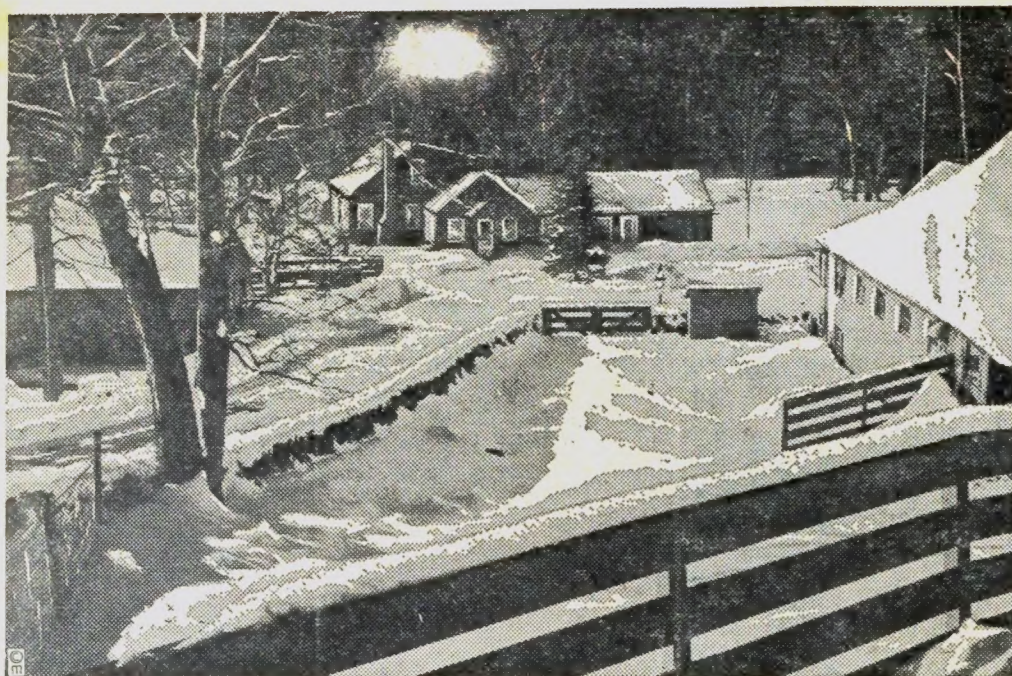
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FLOYD HALL - DON HALL

JIM ELDER

Minden



QUIET COUNTRY LANDSCAPE COVERED WITH SNOW is traditional vision of Christmas cherished by most folks. Even in climes where snow never falls, dreams of a white Christmas dance in the heads of young and old. With a little imagination, Christmas is always a winter wonderland.

CAR TOTAL WRECK, DRIVER GETS OFF LIGHTLY

A Maple Lake woman escaped with only minor injuries and her husband and daughter were uninjured after the car she was driving was demolished. The car went out of control on Highway 35 just north of Minden.

Investigating OPP Const. J. Parsonage says Mrs. Sylvia Woodcock received a few bruises to her chest and was treated at Minden. Her husband and daughter, passengers in the car, were uninjured.

The car, which rolled a considerable distance before coming to rest, was a total wreck, said the officer.

The accident happened about 10 p.m. last Saturday.

IT'S AN OLD CUSTOM

Festive wreaths and garlands made of evergreens, cones and herbs are, nowadays, closely linked to the celebration of Christmas. The custom of making such garlands for gala occasions actually dates back to the ancient Egyptians, a thousand or more years before the birth of Christ.

SUNDAY MOVIES FOR HALIBURTON BY CLEAR MAJORITY

Sunday movies are going to be seen in Haliburton, Dysart voters decided at Saturday's election, by 366 votes to 259 votes. This clear-cut 107 lead for the proposal contrasts with the 15 votes that defeated the Sunday movie question last year. The previous year, only Minden in the counties of Haliburton and Victoria had voted in favor of Sunday movies.

The Reeve Roy Brohm, the deputy-reeve A. H. Curry and Ward 1 and 2 councillors Robert Bishop Jr. and Ernest Warren were elected by acclamation. Orval Morrison was defeated by Walter Hobden for Ward 3 councillor.

Curry Bishop and Keith Carnochan were elected to the public school board defeating Germaine Plourde.

TO INSTALL PHONE BOOTH AT INGOLDSBY

The Anson, Hindon and Minden council has given the Dysart Municipal Telephone System permission to install a telephone booth adjacent to Emmerson's Store at Ingoldsby.

CLERK MADE TEMPORARY RELIEF OFFICER

Clerk Gordon Bibby has been appointed by the Minden council to act as a temporary relief officer until a new man is appointed by the council. The position was left vacant when Mr. Vinton Loucks, the relief officer, resigned in the fall.

TWO FIRMS WANT TO MANUFACTURE TARTAN CLOTHING

The Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce has received letters from two firms asking for permission to manufacture clothes made from the new Highlands of Haliburton Tartan. The two firms are Highland Queen Sportswear Ltd. and Nat Gordon Inc. The Chamber of Commerce has asked the companies what they would be prepared to offer for the rights to distribute the goods made from the Tartan throughout Ontario, excepting the County of Haliburton, where the Chamber of Commerce will act as agents. The chamber will retain the right to sell wholesale to any member in good standing. Biltmore Hats Ltd. has also shown interest in the Tartan.

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NAMING THE DAY

As a holy day and a holiday, Christmas means both prayerful worship and festive merrymaking. The holy meaning of the day is expressed in its name.

The Latin name for Christmas translates as the Feast or Birthday of Our Lord. The English Christmas means the Mass of Christ, a meaning which is closely paralleled by the Dutch "Kermis." In German it's "Weihnacht," or sacred night.

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SPORTS

WITH BOB BEENEY

Some of the most interesting bowling sessions that I have ever seen take place every Saturday morning at the Minden Bowl when the Tadpole League plays. Some of the youngsters can hardly lift the balls, but usually come up with some pretty good scores, and the older ones in the group consistently get scores that would embarrass grown-ups in the other leagues. The kids play three games and with six teams in the league there is quite a bit of hustle and bustle in the building.

A new rule approved by the Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League a week ago restricting use of the slap shot is certainly long overdue. The rule limits the slap shot to attacking players inside the opponent's blue line. Infraction of the rule results in a minor penalty to an offending player if the teams are both at the same strength. If a team is shorthanded the play is stopped and the faceoff is in the offending team's end zone. The rule was initiated because league officials felt that if too much emphasis is placed on the slap shot too many other basic fundamentals are overlooked such as a player carrying the puck across the opponent's blue line. Now that one league has adopted this ruling I imagine before too long other league executives will be considering it. The rule is a big help to goaltenders even though it only eliminates the slap shot outside the blue line. This type of shot is the most difficult shot for a goalkeeper to stop and pucks have been known to either rise or drop a couple of inches by the time they reach the net.

The Minden Minor Hockey Association held another meeting last week and Bob Austin, goaltender for the Minden Monarchs, got together with the executive to make plans for the formation of a juvenile hockey team. The association has teams in all classes from squirts to midget and a juvenile team would round out the minor hockey system for this year. Mike Jackson, one of the coaches in the minor hockey association mentioned to me that a donation is on the way from Teen Town. They are sending \$50 to help defray costs of operation for the various teams. While I'm plugging minor hockey I should mention a couple of important rules that have been approved by the organization. All games will be played in a sportsmanlike manner. If a boy's school work suffers because of his participation in hockey, the boy will be suspended from his team until such time as he shows improvement in his studies. Then, at the discretion of his teacher and parents, he may be reinstated. The purpose of the Minden Minor Hockey Association is to help the boy in his reach towards his full potential in his spiritual, mental and physical development.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

As Alan R. Capon is frequently out of Minden during the week, persons wishing to order printing or mimeographing or to place want ads in the Minden Progress are asked to telephone BOB BEENEY at Minden 206J.

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HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL VISITS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

J. Douglas Hodgson, principal of the Haliburton County District High School will be visiting all the Grade 8 classes in the high school area during the week of December 9. During his visit to each school, Mr. Hodgson will discuss with the students the courses that are offered at the high school and give out at that time an information sheet for students to fill out and return to the school on January 20. Courses that are being offered are as follows:

Five-year Arts and Science, Grades 9 to 13;

Four - year Business and Commerce, Grades 9 to 12;

Four - year Science, Technology and Trades, Grades 9 to 12;

Two - year Diversified Occupations Program, Grades 9 and 10.

On January 10 the Grade 9 students of the Haliburton County District High School will stay at home and the Grade 8 students will come on the buses to the high school and spend the day in the school in order to familiarize themselves with the programs and courses offered here. On Monday night, January 13, from 8 to 10 parents of Grade 8 students are invited to attend the high school and look at the facilities and familiarize themselves further with the courses.

It is the hope of the high school that after all of these opportunities have been presented that parents and students will make a good choice of course.

REVISE ESTIMATE ON ON LIQUOR PLEBISCITE

A letter received by the Anson, Hindon and Minden council requested the council to revise the estimate of the costs of the liquor plebiscite that is to be held on Saturday, January 18th. An offer of \$500 to defray the costs of the plebiscite was accepted by the council held on Monday, December 1st.

NOTICE

The Council of Anson, Hindon and Minden hereby declare that Thursday, December 26th, (Boxing Day) be a public holiday.

L. A. PRITCHARD, Reeve

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EDITORIAL . . .

SLOW DOWN—IT'S WINTER

Now that the weather has changed, the warm fall days disappeared and the cruel blustery winter days have returned a word of caution should be given to highway drivers. The unpredictable weather makes the highways treacherous in a very short time, and although most drivers are prepared for most hazards they must still be ready for the unexpected. Speed at this time is usually the culprit that is the cause of most accidents. It takes longer to stop on a slippery road, and when it is snowing visibility is cut down considerably. The Minden branch of the Ontario Department of Highways keeps the highways in the area in commendable shape and deserves a great deal of praise, but the real measure of safety on the roads must be taken care of by each driver.

THE NON-RESIDENT VOTE

Each year in most townships the non-resident ratepayers are taking more of an interest in their municipalities and are going to the polls to express their opinion of the local form of government. Last year in Lutterworth Township, fifteen percent of the vote cast was by the non-residents. This seems like a small percentage but when the ratepayers travelled, in some instances, more than a hundred miles it is worthy of mention. It is expected that if the weather is decent more non-residents will exercise their right this year. In Snowdon Township this year fewer cottagers came to vote but this is largely due to the fact that the election was held later this year than last. Plans had been made in Stanhope Township to have a bus load of ratepayers who have cottages in the Boskung Lake area to come to vote but arrangements were started too late and the plans didn't materialize. More and more non-residents each year are taking a greater interest in their townships and since they are paying the bulk of the tax dollar their demands and interests must be considered by the township councils. In other counties a takeover of the local government has taken place by the non-resident. However, if each municipality supplies the ratepayers with a sound, progressive, responsible form of government most ratepayers whether they are resident or non-resident will be well satisfied.

CITIZENS BACK CENTENNIAL PROJECT

Ever since the centennial project was mentioned at the annual general meeting of the Highlands of Haliburton Chamber of Commerce, held in Haliburton earlier this fall, more and more people are coming up with ideas on what type of project should be constructed. It is possible that the County of Haliburton could build a project that is worth \$24,000 with the federal and provincial governments supplying two thirds of the total cost. Deputy Reeve Mark Vasey of Anson, Hindon and Minden has expressed the idea of a war memorial that could be constructed somewhere centrally in the county where services could be held. Al Coneybeare of Minden also backs the thoughts of Mark Vasey. Floyd Hall, real estate broker, favours a central county project that should be constructed perhaps in the vicinity of West Guilford and would be situated on thirty acres of land and having frontage on a lake. The grounds could have buildings for a county fair, areas for camping, a ball park and facilities for both summer and winter sports. It has even been suggested that harness race track could be part of the project and a zoo. Mr. Dave Edwards, newly elected president of the Chamber of Commerce and owner of Ogopogo Lodge, in his own opinion supports the Community Park idea and mentions that such a spot could have a building used for the arts such as summer stock theatre. The project has to be completed by 1967 and must be of a lasting nature. Floyd Hall mentioned that an arena building could have grandstand seats constructed on the back facing an athletic track.

The first real Christmas carols, however, were probably sung in the Italian mountain village of Greccio when St. Francis of Assisi created the first manger scene in 1223. He and his brethren led the villagers in singing hymns of praise to the Christ Child.



THE STORY OF THE BIRTH OF CHRIST has, for centuries, been an inspiration to artists. The Nativity, the adoration of the shepherds, the journey of the Wise Men and the Madonna and Child have been the subjects of hundreds of beautiful paintings. "The Madonna and Child," shown here, is by Vincenzo Foppa, a Milanese painter of the fifteenth and early sixteenth centuries. It is painted in tempera on wood. From the Metropolitan Museum of Art, The Theodore M. Davis Collection, Bequest of Theodore M. Davis, 1915.

Setting the Date

December 25 was first assigned as the date for the celebration of the Nativity in about the year 320 A.D. Since the New Testament was written as religious instruction rather than history, the exact date of Christ's birth is not known.

The present day was selected as a means of unifying the observances of Christmas, "the mass of Christ".

Hanging Stockings

Story of the first Christmas stocking is associated with the real St. Nicholas, a fourth century bishop known for his many kind deeds. Wishing to present an anonymous gift to help the daughters of an impoverished merchant, he threw a bag of gold down the chimney, where it fell into a stocking hung up to dry.

The legend is reflected in today's custom of tucking "gold"—an orange or tangerine—into the toe of a Christmas stocking.

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Haliburton Village Subscription and Advertising inquiries may be directed to the Haliburton Representative, Joe Peacock.

Scouting Corner

with BILL PAYNE

The group committee met Dec. 2 at the United Church to discuss the possibility of a Scout Clubhouse.

Although nothing definite has been planned, the idea generally has been accepted that a separate building might be the answer to a number of problems connected with Scouting.

It is increasingly difficult to find a time in which the majority of the group committee are able to get together for a meeting. The men involved are participants in other activities and every organization seems to have meetings. However, it may be possible to arrange a new time and day in which the group committee could get together.

CUBBING

The pack welcomed a new CHUM the other night, Martin Bacon, who lives in Lochlin. Good Hunting to you Martin, we all hope you enjoy the fun and games that take place at the Cub meetings.

The Provincial Police raided the meeting one night. Constable Earl Bush was summoned by Cub Philip Payne to attend our meeting and tell us about Highway Safety Rules.

Earl is a great friend of the youngsters in the Minden area and was well received by the pack. He spoke of the rules in the Cub Book which the boys need to know in order to pass their star work, and spoke on other aspects of the law.

Many thanks to you Constable Bush for your interest in our work and you are welcome at any time to visit with us.

The Christmas party will take place on Dec. 16 and the highlight of the meeting will be the presentation of December's dues for the poor. This idea belongs to the pack and this money will be presented to one of the local clergymen to see that it is used as the boys wish.

The picking of names for exchanging gifts was suggested and each boy will purchase a gift with as many parts or

pieces as possible to place under the tree. The price of the gifts are not to exceed the sum of 25 cents.

To the many Cubs who are on the sick list, best wishes for a speedy recovery and we hope to see you all back soon.

Scouting

The good deed for this month will be raking of the arena surface. The Scouts were asked to bring rakes, shovels and anything else that would help to get the surface in a condition to lay the ice.

Joe Weiss has been coming to the pack meetings to help the boys in their star work and play games with them. Joe is working on his Cub Instructor Badge and he is doing a fine job. The boys like Joe, and with Gordon Graham, the two of them are doing very well. It is interesting to note that when the boys like someone, they will work and play a little harder to please the instructor.

As this is the last column before Christmas, might I, on behalf of all in Scouting wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



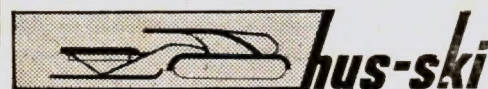
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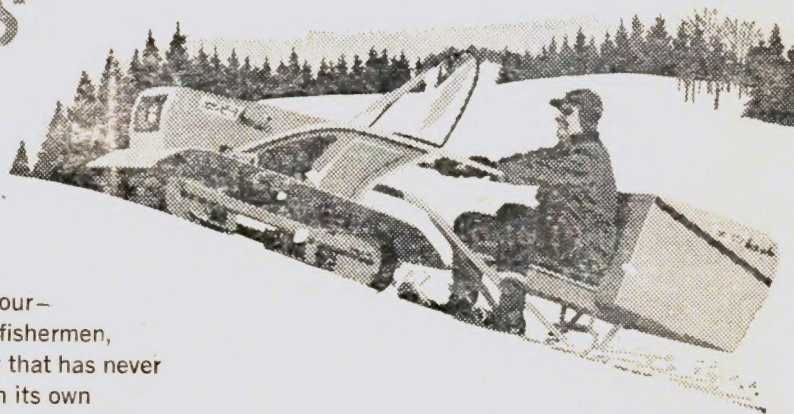
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KELLET - HEWITT

Minden United Church was the scene of an attractive wedding on Saturday Nov. 23 when Joy Carol Hewitt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hewitt, became the bride of Donald Gordon Kellet, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Kellet.

The double ring ceremony was performed by the Rev. David Staples.

The bride looked lovely in a short white gown of nylon and rayon lace over rayon taffeta. She wore a finger tip veil of fine nylon tulle and carried a bouquet of pink roses and white carnations.

Her only attendant Miss Connie Gartshore wore a street length gown of pale blue lace over taffeta and a rhinestone headpiece. She carried a nosegay of pink roses and lily of the valley.

Donald Wauchope assisted the groom as best man. The ushers were Moyer Hewitt, brother of the bride and Sherdon Kellet, cousin of the groom.

Miss Janice Robinson sang "O Perfect Love" during the signing of the register. She was accompanied by Mr. Ralph Hussey.

A reception followed in the church hall.

In the evening a dance was held for the couple at the Legion Hall, Kinmount, where they received many useful gifts.

The newly weds are making their home in Brampton.

LUTTERWORTH BUILDING TENDERS NOT ACCEPTED

Lutterworth council's plans to erect a municipal building in the township were temporarily halted when a tender opened at a meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 4th was too high. The tender, which was submitted by a Minden contractor was close to \$14,000 when the council had decided on spending a lesser amount. The building was to be built under the Winter Works incentive program.

POPULAR CONSERVATION

OFFICER RETIRES

After 30 years of unstinting service to the people of Ontario, particularly those resident in the County of Haliburton, Wallace Scott of Kinmount is retiring from the Department of Lands and Forests.

"Wally", as he is popularly known, first assumed the responsibilities of a conservation officer or game warden as they were known then, on December 1st, 1933, and since that time he has in his own words "thoroughly enjoyed his work and the people with whom it brought him in contact".

Wally's fellow employees plan to honor him shortly at a formal presentation of gifts which will serve dually as mementoes of his long and honourable association with the department and tangible expressions of our esteem for him.

We have no doubt Wallace Scott will receive many expressions of appreciation for

his work in the past and good wishes for the future, few however will match for poignancy and genuine affection the tribute of a ten year old Norland girl who chose as her subject for an essay assignment, Our Game Warden — "Wally" Scott. — A. E. Walroth, District Forester.

COUNCIL TO DISCUSS FEE WITH ARCHITECTS

At a meeting held in the Registry Office on Monday, December 2nd, Minden council decided to send a letter to Stanford and Wilson, architects for the new municipal building asking for an opportunity to discuss the account with the architects. The council authorized clerk Gordon Bibby to pay \$1,500 on account to Stanford and Wilson.

WHEN CAROLING BEGAN

With the joyful strains of "Silent Night," "The First Noel" and other beloved carols, today's carolers carry on a meaningful Christmas custom that originated centuries ago.

LITTLE TYKES BELIEVE IN SANTA

It doesn't matter to children, how poor or neglected they are, for them the yuletide season pours out excitement, expectancy and happiness. To help brighten their Christmas, the Rotary, Legion and Kinsmen Clubs of Minden make up Christmas baskets. These baskets go mostly to families with children. To help supplement the financing of these baskets the above organizations have draws each year. Please support generously the Rotary Million Dollar Doll draw, the Legion Christmas Hamper draw and the Kinsmen Christmas Cheer Basket draw.

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RED, GREEN SET YULE SCENE WITH SYMBOLIC MEANINGS

The traditional colors of the Christmas season are red and green. Yet these colors have meant different things to different people over the ages. Color has been used as the symbol of abstract ideas from time immemorial.

In early and medieval Christian art colors had a mystic or symbolic meaning. Red indicated passion. In its good sense it was a symbol of divine energy and love and the creative power of the Holy Spirit; in its bad sense it was a sign of hate.

In that meaning it became an emblem of Satan.

Emerald green is often the symbol of hope and growth in many Christian paintings.

Colors played an important role in medieval magic and superstition. For example, the famous "philosopher's store," which the alchemists thought would turn base metals into gold and cure all disease, was thought to be colored red, according to the Encyclopedia Americana. Red was also a favorite curative color in more recent superstitions.

In Indonesia, the people think a piece of bright red coral will keep its owner's teeth in good order, and there are people everywhere who are sure that a person owning a ruby will live to a ripe old age.

Green was a sacred color among the ancient and medieval Egyptians who wore it as a symbol of hope and the joy of spring. The Muslims carried this symbolism throughout the Middle East, and the faithful, on returning from the pilgrimage to Mecca, wear a green turban.

ROASTING PEACOCK

Roast peacock was a Yule delicacy in medieval England. An early recipe directs careful removal of the peacock's head and skin so that the roast bird can be sewn back into it before serving.

WHEN ORGAN BROKE

"Silent Night" was first sung at Christmas 1818.

The church organ in an Austrian village had broken down — impaired by mice, so the story goes. Father Joseph Mohr wrote the poem and his organist, Franz Gruber, composed the music.

The congregation, which had been saddened because there would be no music for Christmas, sang "Silent Night" to a guitar accompaniment.

IN BETHLEHEM, GA.

A 60-foot star lights the countryside around Bethlehem, Ga., at Christmas. A carol service is held beneath the star on Christmas night.

HEARD IN APRIL

Handel's "Messiah," often heard at the Christmas season, was begun in August, finished in September and first performed in April.

GREETINGS

Best holiday wishes and sincere thanks to you all!
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Naming Santa

Santa, the giver of many gifts, is a man of many names, too. While he is becoming almost universally known as Santa Claus, Santa or St. Nick, many European children still wait for the arrival of St. Nicholas.

St. Nicholas was the first of Santa's names and came from a real bishop in the fourth century, A.D. He is said to travel not by reindeer but on horseback, and wears bishop's robes.

Over the years, Santa has gained still other names. In France he's Pere Noel, in Finland Father Christmas, in Germany Kris Kringle, in Russia Father or Grandfather Frost.

HOLY DAY HELPED

COMFORT SORROW

Even when Christmas wasn't merry, history shows that the holy holiday has brought comfort and hope into the midst of sorrow and hardship.

Such was an early Christmas in the New World, observed in 1535 at a small fortress on the banks of the St. Charles river near what is now the City of Quebec, Canada.

Jacques Cartier, French explorer, and his band of 110 settlers were beset by cold and hunger, as well as fear of the nearby Indians, whose friendly attitude seemed to have changed. More than half the members of the colony suffered from scurvy.

Bravely, the men celebrated Christmas. Mass was said in a log cabin, at an altar made from a wooden table; evergreen branches decorated the walls; carols were sung and the best of the meager food supplies were used for a "feast".

At the ROUND TABLE

Traditionally, the first Christmas feast in England was held at the Round Table of King Arthur. While the specific date is undetermined, references to the famous king in medieval legends have been traced back to as early as 600 A.D.

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HOW THE TREE GREW

When the German prince Alfred married Queen Victoria, he carried the custom of the Yule tree to England, and from there it spread by imitation and immigration to the United States and Canada.

The German origin is ap-

propriate, since it was in Germany that the English missionary St. Boniface, formerly a monk named Winfrid, first instituted the decorated fir tree, a tribute to the Christ Child, as a replacement for the sacrifices made to the oak, which was sacred to the pagan god Odin.



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reindeer
in greeting
all our friends
and extending to them our
warmest wishes for a very
Merry Christmas

HARRISON'S
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"O CHRISTMAS TREE"

MEANS FIR TO MOST

Traditional for trimming, the fir is the tree most people think of when they sing "O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree, how lovely are thy branches."

Although there are close to 40 species of first found in Central and Southern Europe, Asia north of the Himalayas, and North America, the holiday favorite — the Douglas fir — is not even a true fir.

Originally name false hemlock with yew-like needles, the Douglas fir is neither a yew, hemlock, spruce nor fir. But it does have some of the characteristics of all four evergreens, and its identity confused botanists for years.

The Douglas fir's graceful, upturned growth and ability to hold its needles when cut have put it in the top spot for Christmas use. It also produces top-quality lumber. The state of Montana is an important source of Douglas firs.

Next popular Christmas tree is the balsam fir. Also called Canada balsam or Balm of Gilead, according to The Encyclopedia Americana, balsam grows from Newfoundland to Virginia, west to Iowa and north and west deep into Canada.

Balsam retains needles well and give off a pleasing fragrance. It is especially well-liked in the Eastern United States.

Included among the many other Christmas choices are the Eastern red cedar, black spruce and Scotch pine.

Canadian Christmas trees, from seven provinces, are part of the holiday scene in many countries. The United States, alone, accounts for about 90 per cent of Canada's annual production of trees. Still others are shipped abroad, from Ethiopia to Venezuela.

IN GERMANY

For German children the Christmas season begins with the hanging of a calendar showing a painted house, on December 1. Doors and windows of the house often hide pieces of candy.

Holly Holds Sway

The holly tree and its brightly berried branches hold an important place not only in holiday decorations but in the legends and lore of Christmas.

An old belief in England and Germany was that there are "he" and "she" hollies — the "he" hollies with spined leaves, the "she" hollies smooth-leaved. The varieties brought into the house at Christmas supposedly showed who would head the household for the coming year — "he" or "she."

A variation on this custom said that if the holly was brought into the house in fair weather, the wife would rule, but if the weather was bad, the husband would be master.

Holly was credited with many magical and medical powers. It was believed to cure toothaches, banish rickets, and even foretell to girls the names of their future husbands.



**BEST
WISHES
FOR
Christmas**
To all our good
friends, the very
happiest of holidays.

REG. AND DON
BOOTH

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for everybody.

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CHRISTMAS ROSE

FAMED IN LEGEND

Blooming in the heart of winter and sometimes even in the snow, the Christmas rose is a plant famed in legend.

According to an old story, a poor little shepherdess had no gift to offer the Christ Child, and so she wept. When her tears touched the ground, flowers sprouted.

Delighted, she plucked an armful and hastened to the Infant. The caress of His fingers turned the petals pink.

Botanists class the Christmas rose as a member of the

buttercup family. Native to Southern Europe and western Asia, it has leathery, dark green leaves and large, saucer-shaped flowers with white or rose-tinged sepals, according to The Encyclopedia Americana.

GROWING HOLLY

A holly tree grows 15 years before it produces, but its life may be as long as 125 years.

IN NORWAY

Norwegians hide an almond in the Christmas pudding. Tradition says the finder will be married in the next year.

SANTA GETS HIS GARB

FROM POEM, CARTOON

Santa first appeared in his now - traditional guise as a plump, jovial, white-bearded and pipe-smoking old gentleman—"a right jolly old elf"—in the poem, "A Visit from St. Nicholas," written by Dr. Clement C. Moore in 1822.

Earlier, "Santeclaus" had been pictured dressed as a bishop, in a book called "The Children's Friend," and in Washington Irving's "Knickerbocker History of New York," published in 1809, Santa was said to wear a broad-brimmed hat and huge breeches.

Even Dr. Moore's poem did not, apparently, clothe Santa in a red suit. "He was dressed all in fur from his head to his foot," says the poem.

Santa as he looks today was first sketched by Cartoonist Thomas Nast, in 1869. The cartoon showed Santa in his familiar red garb, smoking a pipe.

SOURCE OF GIVING

Giving gifts at the Yuletide season has many precedents. In the years before Christ, Romans gave branches of laurel, olive and myrtle to each other at the Saturnalia, a pagan festival that occurred about the same time as the present date of Christmas. In England and Northern Europe, Druid worshippers tied gifts on trees during the Yule festival held at the winter solstice.

Roman emperors often demanded Yule gifts of clothing, gold and silver from their subjects, and so did the kings and queens of medieval England. It is said that Queen Elizabeth I gained most of her wardrobe through these compulsory gifts.

In later years the idea of giving in a spirit of kind-hearted generosity developed.

IN DENMARK

A Danish Christmas custom is the "Jul-bock," a long pole with a goat's head, whose duty it is to butt in when the children misbehave.

Wishing
you all the
joys and
blessings of
Christmas.



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Noël Noël



At this glad Christmastide, we wish
for you the great gifts of faith renewed and spirit
uplifted by the joy and promise of His holy birth.

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Glad Tidings

This Christmas, we
sincerely wish
for you all the joys and
blessings of the
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**Greetings
AND BEST WISHES
FOR THE
Christmas
Season**

**WARD'S
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**A MERRY, MERRY
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And many thanks to
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WISH YOU
A Merry
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Hi!

*We thank you for your
friendship and wish
you a Merry Christmas!*

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**For
Kissing**

Secular and religious Christmas customs met in the old English "kissing bunch." This evergreen ball had mistletoe, for kissing, hung from the center.

But it also contained small dolls to represent Jesus, Mary and Joseph, as well as an array of fruits and colorful ornaments.



Greetings.

*To all our
friends,
best holiday
wishes.*

*We extend
our grateful
thanks for
your friendship
and good will.*

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**SEASON'S
"FIRSTS" ARE
TRACED**

Shepherds watched, angels sang and wise men travelled far to behold the miracle of the first Christmas.

Since that holy night a multitude of legends and customs, both religious and secular, have developed as part of the holiday. Each legend was once told, each custom once observed for the first time, and though origins of many traditions are now lost in time, other Christmas "firsts" have been recorded for posterity.

There are historical Christmas "firsts", attested by church records and by scientific research into the early years of Christianity, as well as "firsts" of later history and "firsts" that blend fact with myth.

Appropriately enough, one of the loveliest of candlelight ceremonies takes place each year in the Central Moravian church at Bethlehem, Pa. Complete with traditional organ and orchestral music, the program includes reading of the Christmas story, prayers and carols.

**Bells,
Bells, Bells**

Through the ages, bells have served many purposes — announcing the approach of vehicles, for instance, or signaling the beginning of curfew. Early associated with churches, by medieval times the pealing of the bells had come to signify the rejoicing of the Christmas season.

An early custom was the tolling of church bells on Christmas Eve, during the hour before midnight. The tolling announced the death of Satan, and at midnight joyous peals told of the birth of Christ.

In England, where bell-ringing is an honored, family-taught art, the tuneful bells ring out at seven-thirty on Christmas morning.

It takes years of training and practice to learn the ringing of complex "changes," as the different chants and tonal combinations are called.



Joyous Wishes

We wish for you all the joys and blessings of Christmas.

**S. W. WELCH
MINDEN**



Noel

*Wishing you
all the
joys of the
Christmas
season.*

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Wishes**

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PEACE AND PLENTY

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BEST WISHES

MERRY CHRISTMAS

BLESSINGS

GOOD CHEER

**CRAIG'S
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CANDLES CAST FESTIVE GLOW ON TRADITIONAL YULE SCENE

Candles have cast a glow over Christmas festivities for centuries.

One of the very earliest of legends tells of the Christ Child wandering the streets of the world in search of shelter on Christmas Eve. Lighted candles are placed in windows to welcome Him.

From Germany comes a similar belief that the Virgin Mary and a host of angels pass over the countryside each Christmas Eve. Candles are put in the windows of German homes as an invitation and guide to the food that is traditionally left for them.

Many of the Christmas traditions that have sprung up around the use of candles had their origin in pagan rites.

The pagan Yule, nearly coinciding with today's date for Christmas, was accompanied by the burning of a giant log during the twelve days in which it was thought that the sun stood still. From this stems Yule log tradition.

In medieval Europe the custom arose of also lighting a giant Christmas candle that would burn brightly till the Twelfth Night.

During their Saturnalia Romans fastened candles to trees to dispel the darkness, thus indicating the sun's return.

There is an old story that Martin Luther brought a fir tree into the nursery one Christmas Eve for his wife and children. To show them the glory of the night when Christ was born, he decorated the tree with lighted candles, representing stars.

Today, electric lights have taken the place of candles on Christmas trees, but candles still burn brightly in churches and homes throughout the world.

One of the most impressive holiday uses of candles is in the candlelight carol and communion services held in many churches at Christmas time.



Greetings
Wishing you and
yours a happy holiday.

**KAWARTHA
DAIRY
MINDEN**



**A
VERY
MERRY
CHRISTMAS**

Here's hoping you're
on your way to a
happy holiday season!

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**JOYOUS
GREETINGS**
for a blessed Christmas.

MARK MCKAY
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Of Wreaths

Using wreaths as decorations at Christmas may be traced to the customs of Advent season, the four Sundays before Christmas—a time of preparation for the coming of the Christ Child. Traditionally, the Advent wreath is made of evergreen branches interlaced with red ribbons. It holds four candles. One candle is lit at dusk on the first Sunday of Advent, two the next Sunday, three the next and four on the last Sunday before Christmas. The wreath may be placed on a door, set on a table or hung from the ceiling.

SANTA'S BUSY, BUT HE HAS PLENTY OF HELP

Even though Santa is sometimes pictured as travelling by rocket or by jet plane, his favorite mode of transportation still seems to be the reindeer—drawn sleigh. The only wonder is that he can remain as jolly as he traditionally is, when he has to cover the world in one night, delivering gifts by the billions.

Perhaps the explanation may be found in the number of helpers he has, and also in the fact that Christmas Eve is not his only day for delivering gifts.

St. Nicholas, a real bishop, was the first "Santa." Many legends grew up around his name, and many centuries after his death on December 6, about 342 A.D., he was honored as a friend to the young. December 6 became "Children's Day," and St. Nicholas, travelling by horse, brought gifts to reward children for good behavior.

Although Santa has to a large extent replaced St. Nicholas, in some European countries children still await the arrival of the bishop on the night of December 5, and set out shoes filled with hay and carrots for his horse.

In Scandinavian and some other countries, Santa gets an

assist from St. Lucy, who is responsible for the distribution of gifts on her day, December 13.

Christmas comes after Christmas to many homes in France and French Canada, where the old tradition of giving gifts to children on New Year's day is observed. There's a resemblance to Christmas in the placing of gifts beside the fireplace, often in stockings.

Even then, the Santa season isn't finished. Many Spanish children expect the Three Kings to bring them gifts on Epiphany, January 6. They, too, set out shoes filled with straw and grain for the horses the Kings ride.

Whatever the gift-giving date, Santa has a host of helpers to lighten his load. In addition to St. Lucy, Scandinavian countries have the Tomtar, little gray-bearded men who are said to hide gifts for boys and girls on Christmas Eve. The Christ Child or Kristkind brings the gifts in many countries.

In Italy the traditional gift-giver is Befana, sometimes described as a benevolent fairy and sometimes as a witch. Legend says that she misdirected the Magi or that she refused shelter to the holy family. Now she goes around the world, in repentance, seeking the Christ Child and doing good to children on Christmas Eve.

WARDING OFF WITCHES LED TO CANDY CANES

One of the most popular symbols of the Christmas holidays, candy canes, began with an old superstition during the Middle Ages. Europeans of that period carried glass canes filled with colored candies to distract evil witches.

Belief was that the evil ones become so interested in sorting the candies that casting of evil spells was forgotten, reports the Candy, Chocolate and Confectionery Institute.

OF CAROLS . . .

In England and France the custom of carol singing at Christmas stemmed from the songs sung between the scenes of the medieval "mystery" or "miracle" plays, which were created to teach the Bible to the people of the time, few of whom could read.

The early miracle plays portrayed the coming of Christ, in simple drama. Later plays became more elaborate, with fictional scenes added.



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bringing
our many
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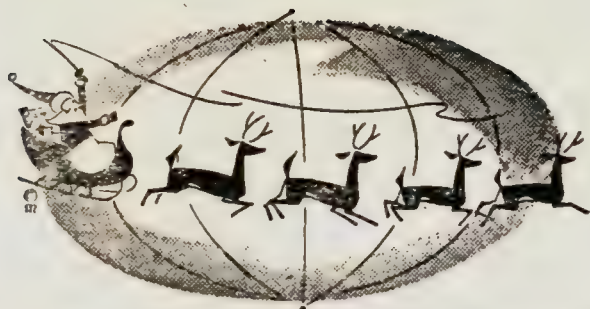
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*May you be blessed
with a joyous and
holy Christmas season.*

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WARP and WOOF

Christmas means the sight of holly —
Christmas means the scent of pine trees,
In the heart and in the mind—
Sound of Merry Christmas chimes —
"Get-togethers" and good times.

The rush of the Christmas season is in full spate. The last minute shoppers are dashing about with dazed expressions. The ones who did their Christmas shopping early, are going about looking intolerably smug. We face the mad rush to get the last parcels posted, buy ten more cards, face the line up in the post office, the line up in the supermarket, the awful thought of 'whom have we forgotten' this year . . . will soon be over, and we'll wonder where Christmas went, and was it really worth all the effort . . . of course it was and we'll do it all over again next year . . . God willing.

Christmas is a season mixed with sadness and gladness . . . for some it will be sad, but for many there is gladness . . . such as the family of the young lad who was knocked off his bicycle by a hit and run driver. After many painful days in hospital, he is able to be home . . . of course there was no hospitalization, his family had just recently moved, and the father, through no fault of his own, had just changed jobs, and mother had taken a job to help out for Christmas . . . which she had to give up to stay home and care for the son, until he is well enough to return to school . . . but they are joyful.

The father of a family who was rushed to hospital on the

very brink of death, has recovered sufficiently to come home for Christmas. They are joyful too.

The man who took off his own overcoat, and gave it to one who had none, had the true spirit of Christmas, and the receiver was joyful in the knowledge that there was really such a thing as the Spirit of Christmas.

And a little sad story about those returning from the funeral of a beloved elderly relative, found her Christmas card to them, inscribed with tender sentiment and love, in the mail. She had her cards ready early this year, and had posted them the day before she passed away, most unexpectedly.

Ghosts of Christmas Past—
Way Past.

We remember — waiting for Santa Claus. The deep, deep snow, and the fields and woods glittering in the moonlight, bright as day. We remember our mother's warning to go to bed, or Santa wouldn't come . . . the sound of sleigh bells by the house, the flash of a fur covered figure going past the window. It was just Dad in his old buffalo coat, ringing the sleigh bells, but we didn't know that, and dashed up the stairs pell-mell, into our feather bed and to sleep, in spite of ourselves. Creeping downstairs in the very early dawn to find Dad up ahead of us, with the good old wood fires roaring in the kitchen, and in the box stove in the parlor. Sure enough Santa had been there! Some of the things we remember—toy banks, a set of doll furniture made from bamboo, a red sweater with brass buttons

ton trim . . . and best of all, THE DOLL. It was a "Mama" doll, and said something like "Mama" when you squeezed her. She was the first "Mama" doll in the vicinity, having been sent by our more affluent relatives in the States, and was quite a novelty. We remember she had a pretty china head, and dressed like a baby, but had no legs. Her body was made from some sort of cardboard with the "Mama" mechanism inside. Poor dear, she was really a lovely doll but it was no time until she was literally squeezed to death, between us and enthusiastic playmates, who kept wanting her to say "Mama"! At that time we were still grimly hanging on to the belief in Santa Claus, in spite of the neighbors kids, and we'll never forget our enlightenment, when we found the box the "Mama" doll had come in, under our mother's bed! But never will we forget the wonderful world of childhood at Christmas time, Santa Claus and all.

There was a young girl in the choir
Whose voice went up hoir and hoir,
Till one Sunday night
It went out of sight
And they found it next day in the spoir.

If we couldn't laugh or cry
what miserable kritters we would be.

Blessed is the man who having nothing to say abstains from giving us wordy evidence of the fact. G. Eliot . . . not V.

Roasting the Bird

Use a shallow pan. The fowl will cook more rapidly and more evenly this way. Use a rack that will fit the roasting pan. The rack keeps the bird from sticking to the pan and allows the hot air in the oven to circulate under the bird. This method gives more even cooking. Use a pan without a lid. If tightly covered, poultry steams as it cooks and the meat of young, tender birds does not require this. Steaming causes breaks in the skin and then juices are lost and the bird develops a wrinkled appearance . . . now we don't want a wrinkled bird, do we? Use a loose ten of foil to keep top of bird from burning. Roast birds under 18 pounds in a 325 oven. Over this weight 300 oven for best results.

For bread stuffing . . . one pound loaf of white bread, two or three days old, makes about four cups or one quart of light fluffy crumbs with the crusts removed . . . psst . . . buy the breadcrumbs already to mix up . . . much less bother . . . of course if you want to do it the hard way . . .

Tip to perk up your kitchen plumbing . . . extra cooking and entertaining means more dishwashing and that's a strain on the drain. Add a couple of tablespoons of sal soda concentrated to your dish water. Softens water and cuts down on amount of detergent you use. Give the drain a weekly treatment by pouring three tablespoons dry sal soda down it . . . then run the hot water. Does not harm septic tank plumbing. Finally switch to sal for sink scouring.

The boys are preparing the girls for their Christmas presents by singing, "I Can't Give You Anything But Love, Baby" and the new one, "Seven Daffodils"!

The Silent Partners —
Pat: Oim after hearin' ye and the missus had words last night.

Mike: Shure, but Oi didn't get a chance to use moine.

A wise husband buys such expensive china that his wife won't trust him to wash and dry the dishes.

Early to rise and early to bed,
Makes you healthy but socially dead.

Enough nonsense for the nonce . . .

To all our friends, relatives and readers if any —

"At this time of peace and plenty,
With your loved ones gathered round,
May gladness dwell within your home
And happiness abound.

And in the days that follow
As a new year has it's start,
May you have many reasons
For gladness in your heart!"

And a merry, merry Christmas to Virginia, Barbie, Lorie, Michael and Patricia . . . and may Santa come down the chimney this year with all kinds of toys for the good girls and boy! . . . and to all a "Good Night"!

KEEP CHRISTMAS LIGHTS UP FOR CARNIVAL

At a recent Minden Winter Carnival meeting it was decided to ask the people who decorate their homes outside at Christmas with lights and other decorations to leave them up to help add a colorful touch to the annual carnival. Last year many visitors to the town complimented the residents who had left their outdoor Christmas decorations up. The Minden Winter Carnival is to be held on January 31, February 1 and 2.

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from the Minister's Study

From the Minister's Study

Since this will be the final issue of the Minden Progress before the holiday season, I wish to take this opportunity of extending a Christmas greeting to all our friends and acquaintances throughout the county. May the joy of the Christmas message shine through all of the happiness and excitement of this wonderful season, and may the homecoming of your loved ones bring a special blessing to every family.

In spite of some excesses which might well be lamented, there is a "spirit of Christmas" which gladdens the heart. Many generous and thoughtful actions are done, much time and love is expended, and no matter how busy we become there is always a desire for extra services in our churches where we can hear once more the telling of the Christmas story in song and word.

In Minden United Church the special Christmas services begin this Sunday, December 15th with White Gift Services in both the Sunday School and Church. Young and old are invited to bring some small gift such as a toy, canned goods or articles of clothing which will be taken as an offering and then sent to provide a happier Christmas for folk connected with one of our city mission churches. On Sunday, Dec. 22nd, the regular Christmas service will be held at 11 o'clock and in the evening the choir's "Christmas Communion" will take place at 7 p.m.

At both Carnarvon and Maple Lake there will be the usual Christmas Sunday services and the message will be: "Christ is Here". In the evening, on Christmas Sunday, the Carnarvon choir will hold their annual candle-light service at which Holy Communion will take place. The time is 9 p.m. You are invited to join in these services of praise and song.

At a meeting of the official board of the Minden-Carnarvon pastoral charge held in Carnarvon church, it was decided that again this coming

summer we should obtain a student minister to assist in the work of the three congregations and supply services to summer residents during July and August. During the past three summers, the work of our two summer students, Mr. Douglas Heard and Mr. Heber Elliott have been very well received and requests have already been made for service from a student for next summer.

The next regular quarterly Communion Services on the charge will be on Sunday, Dec. 29th. At this time there will be a number joining the church by profession of faith or uniting with one of the congregations by a letter of transfer. Any others who may wish to join at this time are asked to contact me as soon as possible.

By far the most numerous comments upon this column have been in regard to the picture of myself at the top. And the commonest comment has been: "It's HORRIBLE"! As my first New Year's resolution, I hereby resolve to consult with the editor, and if the picture is to remain, a nice shiny new one will appear in the beginning of 1964. Then if the comments are the same . . . well, we'll find a picture of the church!

A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS
TO ALL!

—David W. Staples

The Rev. and Mrs. Wm. Goodswan wish to extend the Season's Greetings to their many friends in the parish of Minden. May the Peace and Joy of this Christmas be with you throughout the New Year.

Our sincere thanks go out to you for every expression of your love and concern for us during our stay and at our departure from Minden.

Yours in the Love and Fellowship of Jesus Christ—
Rev. and Mrs. Wm. Goodswan and Family



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OASIS TAKES NINE POINT LEAD AT MINDEN BOWL

On Wednesday, Dec. 11 the Oasis went into a nine-point lead over the second place Swann's in the Men's Commercial League held at Minden Bowl. Pat Clark has the high single with a score of 335 and Ron Robinson has the high triple with 837. The high average is held by Fred Rolfe with a 218.

League Standings

Oasis	64
Swann's	55
Dominion	54
Wards	30
L. Cox	19
Rockcliffe	9

In open bowling at the Minden Bowl Ray Shaw holds both the high single and the high triple with scores of 378 and 889. In the Ten-Pin League the high single and the double are held by Ray Shaw with scores of 171 and 311. The high average is held by Lou Trepanier with 138. In the league standings Lou's Radio and TV has 20 points and Minden Bowl has five points.

Tadpole League

Whirlwinds	17
Thunderclouds	16
Tornadoes	15
Rainclouds	13
Snowbirds	8
Hurricanes	6

SNOW REMOVAL
by JEEP Call
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MINDEN

A letter was read to Lindsay Planning Board from Mr. Ed. Harding of Minden, regarding planning permission for the establishment of an antique shop in Lindsay. Mr. Harding, who is the proprietor of The Pioneer Grill and Clay Pipe Room in Minden, wanted to find out whether the board would offer any objection to his turning the former Col. Shield's residence on Lindsay Street South into an antique shop should he purchase the house. The area is presently zoned industrial under the old plan and is proposed as residential under the new plan.

W. J. HALL CELEBRATES 99th BIRTHDAY

W. J. Hall, father of Floyd Hall, Minden real estate broker, celebrated his 99th birthday on Dec. 8th at his home in Prescott, Ontario. Friends from all corners of the province travelled to a get-together in honor of Mr. Hall. Mr. Hall is quite active and people who know him insist he is 99 years young not 99 years old. The Minden Progress salutes W. J. Hall.

FOR 1913 GRADS

Mr. Charles Clyde Shearn of Boshkung Lake was in Toronto on Nov. 21, 22 at a dinner in Hart House tendered by the alumni of the faculty of pharmacy in honor of the 1913 graduates to receive their golden certificates for 50 years service. There were 13 graduates of the original class present and a joyous reunion of the members and a tour through the new pharmacy building of which they are very proud.

HOLY MEANING OF CHRISTMAS EXPRESSED IN CHURCH SERVICES

"And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord."

Candlelight services held in Protestant churches symbolize Christ as the light of the world, and the shining beams of the candles call to mind the Star that shone to guide the Wise Men.

BILL SCOTT RE-ELECTED

William Scott of Kinmount was re-elected president for a further year at the annual meeting of the Victoria Progressive Conservative Association. Roy Windover of Minden was re-elected as first vice-president. Other officers for the 1964 season are: Mrs. Jerry Ford, second vice-president; Arthur Patterson, third vice-president; Joseph Jenkins, fourth vice-president; Setanley Oliver, fifth vice-president; Walter Hobden, sixth vice-president. Secretary Gordon Pepper and treasurer George Inrig were re-elected by acclamation.

Charles Lamb, MP, Glen Hodgson, MPP and former MP Clayton Hodgson spoke at the meeting. Hon. Leslie M. Frost made a brief appearance and gave a short address before leaving for another appointment.

The meeting accepted the new constitution approved by the executive and heard an appeal for the women members to become more active in the association. The meeting was held at the Royal Canadian Legion in Lindsay, last Saturday.

MINDEN MAN HELD UP BY TRAFFIC MISSES FATAL AIR CRASH

Mr. Jack McArthur, son of Mrs. Mae McArthur of Minden, who is employed by an electrical firm in St. Thomas, Ontario, escaped death when the bus that he was in, was held up in traffic and he missed a plane that crashed outside of Montreal killing all passengers. Mr. McArthur phoned his mother immediately after the crash and assured her of his safety. He had been attending a convention history.

As early as the fourth century A.D., a musical poem was sung in honor of St. Basil and his victory in the fight for Christianity over the Byzantine emperor Julian. In Greece, legends of St. Basil were later put to music and sung at Christmas and the New Year.

SERVICE CLUBS TO HELP NEEDY AT CHRISTMAS

The Kinsmen and Rotary Clubs in Minden and the Haliburton Legion have announced their intention of supplying needy families with boxes of food to help the families enjoy a good Christmas. Each year the three service clubs join forces and co-operate to make the project a success.

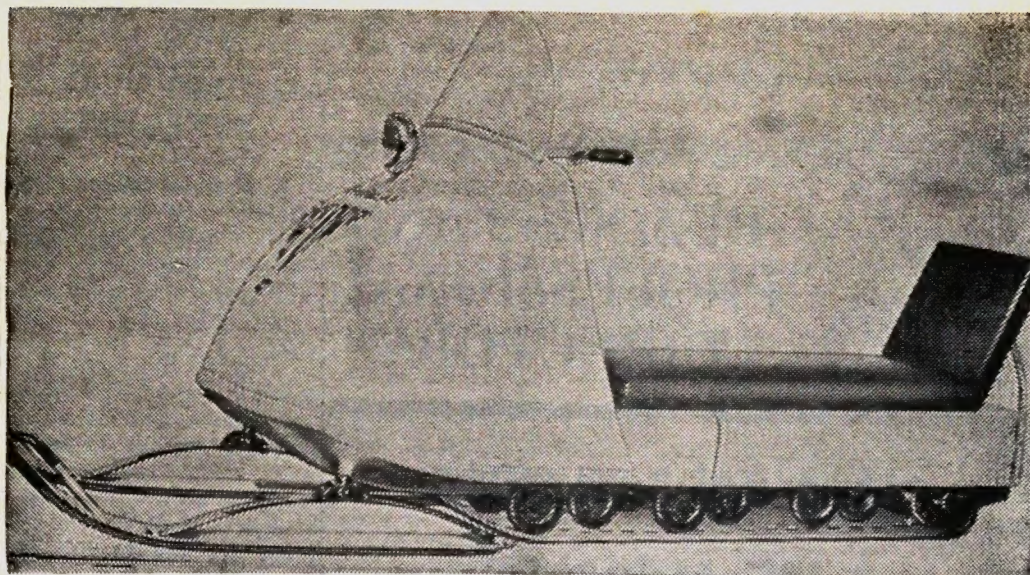
TO STORE OLD FIRE TRUCK FOR WINTER

After receiving a letter from two firms concerning the repairing of the pump on the old fire truck, Fire Chief Eldon Deacon was asked by the Minden council to store the old fire truck in the municipal garage lot until the council decides what to do with it. C. E. Hickey and Sons Ltd. quoted a price of \$700 to \$800 to fix the pump while King - Seagrave Ltd. gave an estimate of from \$350 to \$650. The old pumper hasn't been used since early spring when a 1955 fire engine was purchased. The council had thought that the old engine should be placed in Carnarvon and that a separate brigade should be formed to operate the engine in that area. However, Fire Chief Eldon Deacon mentioned at that time that the engine should be equipped to act as a water supply truck for emergency purposes and should stay in Minden. He stated that, "If we had an emergency supply of water at the fire at the Chalet Restaurant we would not have had to call the Haliburton Fire Department to assist us to extinguish the blaze."

The fate of the engine remains uncertain.

LUTTERWORTH COUNCIL RE-APPOINTS S. SHAVER TO HIGH SCHOOL BOARD

Lutterworth council has re-appointed S. V. Shaver to the Haliburton County District High School Board to represent Lutterworth Township. Mr. Shaver is the tax-collector and assessor in the township and has also served as a school trustee.



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FIRE CHIEF CAUTIONS HOMEOWNERS

Fire Chief Eldon Deacon offered seasonal advice to householders today on the care and handling of Christmas trees and other holiday decorations.

"This is the time of year when the number of fires and consequent loss of life and property reaches its peak," he said. "With heating systems working at full capacity and electrical circuits loaded, we must not add to the danger by bringing unsafe decorations into the house.

"Select tree that is green and fresh. Leave it outside in the cool air, not in a warm basement, until you are ready to set it in position. Then, make a fresh cut at an angle near the base of the trunk and set it in water, away from radiators, registers, and other warm spots. The water will keep it fresh and prevent it from drying too quickly. If your tree becomes so dry the needles begin to drop off, it is time to remove it from the house.

"Remember that foil is a conductor of electricity. Reflectors for lights should be insulated between the bulb and the socket. Safe reflectors are lined with fibre around the hole where they fit against the sockets," he said.

Fire Chief Eldon Deacon offered a reminder about the usual fire hazards. "Have a carton handy for gift wrappings and dispose of the excess paper immediately. Do not allow children to play with Christmas lights and, above all, make sure there are no open sockets on your tree nor that your wiring is overloaded by one string of lights added to another. Keep your tree away from room exits.

"Careless smoking habits cause 35 per cent of all fires in Ontario. Let us not add to that percentage this year by smoking and using matches near Christmas trees, paper wrapping and other combustible materials."

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MINDEN ROTARY MEETS

December 2 saw nearly a full attendance with President Fred Griffiths in charge. New member Fred Jones of Canning Lake was introduced by Rotarian Charles Brandon. Mr. Glen Hodgson, M.L.A. was the guest speaker and was introduced by Rotarian Percy Brintnell. Glen spoke on telephone matters in a very comprehensive way, giving a report on the local telephone systems in the county, past, present and future. He was thanked by Rotarian Bob Minto. Rotarian L. A. Pritchard made a few remarks on early telephone work in this area.

December 9 the attendance was increased by three visitors from Fenelon Falls Rotary and one from Haliburton with President Fred Griffiths in charge. Our guest speaker was Mr. Robert Bishop of Haliburton who was introduced by Rotarian Ron Currie and spoke on cable T.V. which has recently been installed in Minden. He was thanked by Rotarian Don Finn and was presented with a Highlands Tartan Tie by President Fred Griffiths.

LANDS IN DITCH

A car driven by Allan Cox of Minden was damaged to the extent of about \$175 last Saturday morning when it skidded backwards on Highway 121 landing in the ditch.

Cox was alone at the time and was not injured.

LOSES SEAT

The only woman serving on Snowdon council — Mrs. Jean Jennings — was defeated by Orie Mintz at the Snowdon Township elections. Elected were Gerald Hicks, Fred Jones, William Proctor and Orie Mintz.

The reeve of the township and two members of the school board were returned by acclamation.

STANHOPE DEPUTY

WINS REEVESHIP OVER 3 CONTENDERS

William Cowen, former deputy-reeve of Stanhope was elected reeve over three other contenders. Fred H. Brooks, Alex Hewitt and Gordon Sawyer on Saturday. Mr. Sawyer is the 1963 reeve.

Former councillor William Johnson was elected deputy-reeve by acclamation.

Holly Ferguson, Alfred Wills and Allan Sisson were elected as councillors defeating Clayton P. Rogers and Clarence Redner.

Ernest Davies and Geraldine Carr were elected as school board trustees.

The French "Noel" has several possible meanings—news, birthday or a "shout of joy." Whatever the exact origin, there's no question that Noel now means Christmas.

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1. A Cedar or Spruce Christmas tree can burn to charred wood in 18 seconds.

Make sure the tree you select is green and fresh. Set it in water after cutting base of trunk on an angle. This will prevent it from drying too quickly. Keep tree away from radiators, registers, TV sets, fireplaces and other warm spots. Do not let it block room exits.

2. Use non-combustible materials in your decorations where possible (metal, glass, asbestos). Otherwise take extra precautions against fire.

3. Do not allow children to play with tree lighting. Do not overload wiring by adding one string of lights to another and make sure there are no empty sockets on your tree.

4. Dispose of Christmas tree when needles start to drop — preferably before New Year's Day.

5. Have carton handy for gift wrappings and dispose of them immediately.

6. Do not smoke near tree, paper wrappings or other decorations. Make sure cigarettes and matches are properly butted and discarded in ash trays.

NEWS FROM HALL'S LAKE

Mrs. Warder, the teacher at Boskung School, wishes to invite all friends, parents and interested parties to the School Christmas Concert to be held at Club 35 on Thursday, December 19th, at 8 p.m. Silver collection will be taken in aid of the Retarded Children's work. Refreshments will be served.

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

RIGHT OF WAY

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An 11-year-old dispute over the ownership of a portion of the Ingoldsby highway in Haliburton County has flared up again. C. F. Edwards, Edgewater Beach cottage resort operator claims that Anson, Hindon and Minden council forced a road on him, putting a township road over his private road in Minden township. "They didn't expropriate the property," said Mr. Edwards, "they told me verbally that they had, but they hadn't. Under my protests they forced a road on me".

"Minden council is unreasonable to the point of deceit", stated Mr. Edwards, "they are preventing the development of the township.

"I'm still paying taxes on the road", he said, "and to maintain title to it I barricade it once a year for 24 hours. I have every right to do this." Mr. Edwards put a barricade across the road at 5 p.m. on Wednesday evening and intended to leave it there with the notice "Road Closed" for a minimum of 24 hours.

"This portion of road is necessary for the development of my resort," he continued, "I am planning a 4,800 foot ski run right now that goes across this road and this is part of a quarter million dollar development."

Council's Story

Minden Reeve Lawrence Pritchard has a different story. He said that Mr. Edwards made a verbal agreement with the council to exchange that portion of land for half a nearby concession and a similar agreement was made at the time with Percy Burke. Mr. Pritchard said that Mr. Burke now owns the land on the other half of the concession and is quite satisfied.

Reeve Pritchard said that Mr. Edwards definitely agreed to trade and the township

went to work on the road on that assumption. "Now," said the reeve, "he claims he never heard of such an agreement." Mr. Pritchard said that township lawyers and Mr. Edwards' lawyers had been corresponding in the past. "The lawyer at one time agreed to meet with council," he said, "but he never did."

"The road has been travelled now for 11 years", said the reeve. "He agreed to the exchange and if he wants to change his mind now, we will have to expropriate if necessary". Reeve Pritchard agreed that the exchange was verbal and that no deeds were changed. "Last summer," said Reeve Pritchard, "he said he had never heard of such an agreement".

INVESTMENT CLUB

FORMED IN MINDEN

An investment club has been formed in Minden by 12 prominent citizens to promote and help develop the Minden area. The men formed the club in order to have a greater purchasing power than would be possible for any one individual. The group is interested in the promotion of the county.

WEATHER FOR NOVEMBER

Average high 45.6, average low 33.8, average for month 39.7, highest for month 58 degrees Nov. 23, lowest for month nine degrees Nov. 25, rainfall 3.11 inches, snow, two inches, total precipitation for month 3.31 inches, number of days clear or mostly clear four, number of days with rain 14.

WEATHER FOR FIRST

TEN DAYS OF DECEMBER

Highest 40 degrees Dec. 8, lowest four below Dec. 5, rainfall .10, snowfall four inches, total .50, number of days clear or mostly clear five, number of days with rain or snow three, snow on ground Dec. 10 five inches.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

REPRESENTED

AT QUEEN'S PARK

Mr. Norman Craig, secretary - manager of the Highlands of Haliburton Chamber of Commerce attended a discussion at Queen's Park on the service centres on December 4. The Chamber of Commerce has discussed representation at the service centre on Highway 401 in the past and the directors decided to send Mr. Craig to the discussion. The service centres are located at many points on Highway 401 and are used to promote the tourist industry throughout Ontario.

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

From November 28 to December 5 the Haliburton High School students were engaged in a sale of magazine subscriptions. The students sold over \$2,000 worth of subscriptions. Many prizes were awarded to various students and classes. Anne Schell of 11B won a transistor radio for making the most sales — she sold a sum of \$69.45. Pat Lahay of 11A won a large dog in a draw that was made by her fellow students. The dog had been won by her class for making the most sales in one day. Carolyn Stamp of 10B won several prizes in the mystery draw.

The Students' Council plan to offer \$200 of their profit on these sales as a scholarship to a Grade 13 student.

On December 13 a banquet will be held at the high school in honor of all students who obtained first-class honors last year. Following the dinner the high school will hold its annual Christmas dance.

Exemplifying the spiritual side of Christmas are programs which include special sermons, reading the Christmas story, prayers, carols and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

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Reeve Pritchard said, "We know the front part is out of plumb and is jiggly when a crowd gets in it. The front part was built on a bog."

The council passed a motion to ask the government to inspect the building and if they didn't have a department that did inspections to recommend a private engineering firm.

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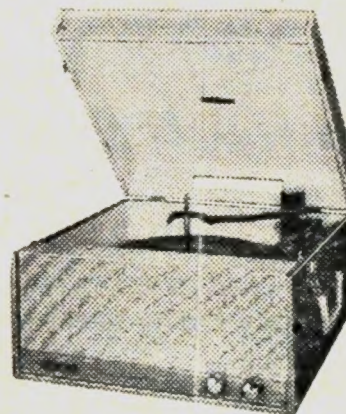
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